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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 26, 2000

APPLICATION OF

SASNET, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000038

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange
telecommunications services

DISMISSAL ORDER

On February 15, 2000, SASNET, Inc. ("SASNET" or "Applicant"), filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. On March 6, 2000, SASNET filed an Amended Application that made the application complete. On April 17, 2000, the Commission issued an Order for Notice and Hearing requiring SASNET to publish public notice of its application in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia on or before May 1, 2000, and to appear for a public hearing on June 7, 2000.

On May 8, 2000, SASNET filed a Motion to Reschedule Public Hearing due to Applicant's failure to publish notice of the application due to administrative error. On May 23, 2000, the

Commission issued its Amended Order for Notice and Hearing in the above-captioned case.

On July 18, 2000, SASNET filed a Motion to Extend Time Period for Public Notice and/or Reschedule Public Hearing wherein Applicant revealed that it had again failed to publish notice as directed, on or before June 19, 2000, due to administrative error.

The Commission finds that Applicant's failure to comply with the published notice requirements of both the Order For Notice and Hearing and the Amended Order For Notice and Hearing prevents this Commission from issuing a final order within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of filing, as required by Section 56-265.4:4 C 2 of the Code of Virginia.

Accordingly, this matter is dismissed without prejudice to Applicant to refile when it is able to assure this Commission of its ability and willingness to comply with its statutory obligation to provide notice of its application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The application filed by SASNET herein is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

(2) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this matter is dismissed from the docket, and the record developed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.